(d) Ex-gratia relief at the rate of Rs. 25,000/- to the next of kin of the dead, Rs. 5,000/- to the grievously injured and Rs. 500/- to persons with simple injuries was arranged. Compensation will be paid after award of decrees by the Railway Claims Tribunal.

Perks/Promotional Avenues for Service Doctors

*55. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative pay-scales, perks and promotional avenues of service doctors as professionals in India and other developed and Asian countries;

(b) the reasons for doctors in Government hospitals and other places being poorly paid and neglected; and

(c) whether Non-Practising Allowance (NPA) as recommended by the Fifth Pay Commission is not being paid to doctors; and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Comparative information is not available.

(b) The Pay and Allowances of Doctors belonging to Central Health Service are significantly higher than that of other similarly placed officers of equal status under the Government. Central Health Service Doctors also receive Conveyance Allowance, Research Pursuit Allowance and Post Graduate Allowance as applicable.

(c) Non-Practising Allowance as recommended by the 5th Central Pay Commission has been granted recently to Central Health Service Officers.

डाक्टरों द्वारा निजि अस्पतालों को प्राथमिकता दिया जाना

*56. श्री सूर्यभान पटेल चहाडणे: क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) दिनांक 10 फरवरी, 1997 के नवभारत टाइम्स में "निजि अस्पतालों में जा रहे हैं अब अच्छे डाक्टर" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

(ख) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं तथा इनका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार को इस दिशा में कोई सफलता प्राप्त हुई है; यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री दलित एजिलमलाई): (क) से (ग) समाचार में अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ कम वेतन, अपर्याप्त सुविधाओं आदि के कारण सरकारी डाक्टरों के निजी क्षेत्र में चले जाने की बात कही गई है। तथापि, ऐसे कुल डाक्टरों की संख्या बहुत कम है। पांचवे केन्द्रीय वेतन आयोग की सिफारिशों के अनुसार केन्द्रीय स्वास्थ्य सेवा के अधिकारियों के भत्तों में काफी वृद्धि हुई है। इसके अतिरिक्त, विभिन्न श्रेणियों के डाक्टरों को वाहन भत्ते, अनुसंधान भत्ते, स्नातकोत्तर भत्ते, जो भी लागू हों, दिए जाते हैं।

Allocation of levy sugar

*57. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria followed by Government for allocation of levy sugar to the States;

(b) whether Government of Gujarat has demanded the allocation of sugar on the basis of population of 1996;

(c) if so, the details thereof and decision taken by Government thereon; and

(d) the time by when it is likely to be supplied as per the projected population of 1996 as base?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND THE MIISTER OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) The norm for supply of sugar in the PDS for most States/UTs, including the State of Gujarat is 425 gms per capita based on the 1991 census. In addition, Government also releases about one lakh tonnes per annum as a Festival Quota which is allocated to the States/UTs on a prorata basis linked to their monthly levy quota.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The quantity of sugar accuring to the Central Government in the levy account,